

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): An apparatus for cleaning a swimming pool surface, the apparatus comprising:

a housing defined by a top section, a rear section, two side sections, a bottom section, and a substantially hollow cavity that runs along the inner longitudinal axis of the housing;

a handle means mounted to the housing for providing directional control and movement of the housing;

a wheel means movably mounted to the housing for facilitating forward, backward, and angular movement of the housing along the swimming pool surface;

~~at least one debris agitator~~ means rotatably attached to the housing to facilitate water movement through the housing and the removal of debris from the swimming pool surface;

a scraping means attached to the bottom of the housing for scraping debris from the swimming pool surface;  
and

a debris collection means detachably connected to the housing that filters debris from pool water and that allows filtered pool water to exit from the debris collection means.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus in claim 1,  
wherein the length of the handle means is adjustable.

Claim 3 (original): The apparatus in claim 1,  
wherein the handle means is pivotally attached to the housing.

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1,  
wherein the debris collection means further includes at least  
one filtration means.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim  
~~4, wherein the filtration means includes a course filtration~~  
~~means for facilitating the removal of relatively large debris~~  
1, wherein the debris collection means further includes a  
plurality of filtration means, said plurality of filtration  
means comprising at least one first filtration means for  
facilitating removal of solid debris, and at least one second  
filtration means for facilitating removal of debris which is  
smaller than the solid debris removed by the first filtration  
means.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original): The apparatus of claim 1,  
wherein the rotation of the debris agitator means is  
mechanically geared to the rotational movement of the wheel  
means.

Claim 8 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rotation of the debris agitator means is electrically operated.

Claim 9 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rotation of the debris agitator means is provided by the movement of water over the debris agitator means.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the movement of the wheel means is electrically operated.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the movement of the wheel means is provided manually via the handle means.

Claim 12 (original): An apparatus for cleaning a swimming pool surface, the apparatus comprising:

- a housing defined by a top section, a rear section, two side sections, a bottom section, and a substantially hollow cavity that runs along the longitudinal axis of the housing;

- a handle means pivotally mounted to the housing for providing directional control of the housing;

- an electrically operated wheel means movably mounted to the housing for facilitating forward, backward, and angular movement of the housing along the swimming pool surface;

- at least one electrically operated debris agitator means rotatably attached to the housing to facilitate water movement through the housing and the removal of debris from the swimming pool surface, wherein the debris agitator is

spring loaded against the pool surface to provide a constant force against the pool surface;

a scraping means attached to the bottom of the housing for scraping the swimming pool surface; and

a debris collection means detachably connected to the housing that filters debris from pool water and that allows filtered pool water to exit from the debris collection means.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus in claim 12, wherein the length of the handle means is adjustable.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the debris collection means further includes at least one filtration means.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 14, ~~wherein the filtration means includes a coarse filtration means for facilitating the removal of relatively large debris~~ 12, wherein the debris collection means further includes a plurality of filtration means, said plurality of filtration means comprising at least one first filtration means for facilitating removal of solid debris, and at least one second filtration means for facilitating removal of debris which is smaller than the solid debris removed by the first filtration means.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): An apparatus for cleaning a swimming pool surface, the apparatus comprising:

a housing defined by a top section, a rear section, two side sections, a bottom section, and a substantially hollow cavity that runs along the longitudinal axis of the housing;

an adjustable handle means pivotally mounted to the housing for providing directional control of the housing;

an electrically operated wheel means movably mounted to the housing for facilitating forward, backward, and angular movement of the housing along the swimming pool surface;

at least one electrically operated debris agitator means rotatably attached to the housing to facilitate water movement through the housing and the removal of debris from the swimming pool surface;

a scraping means attached to the bottom of the housing for scraping the swimming pool surface; and

a debris collection means detachably connected to the housing that filters debris from pool water and that allows filtered pool water to exit from the debris collection means, wherein the debris collection means further includes a plurality of filtration means comprising:

a ~~course~~ first filtration means for facilitating the removal of ~~relatively large~~ solid debris; and

a ~~fine~~ second filtration means for facilitating the removal of ~~relatively small~~ debris which is smaller than the solid debris removed by the first filtration means.

Claim 18 (original): An apparatus for cleaning a swimming pool surface, the apparatus comprising:

a housing defined by a top section, a rear section, two side sections, a bottom section, and a substantially hollow cavity that runs along the longitudinal axis of the housing;

a handle means pivotally mounted to the housing for providing directional control of the housing;

at least one electrically operated debris agitator means rotatably attached to the housing to facilitate water movement through the housing and the removal of debris from the swimming pool surface;

a scraping means attached to the bottom of the housing for scraping the swimming pool surface; and

a debris collection means detachably connected to the housing that filters debris from pool water and that allows filtered pool water to exit from the debris collection means.

Claim 19 (original): An apparatus for cleaning a swimming pool surface, the apparatus comprising:

a housing defined by a top section, a rear section, two side sections, a bottom section, and a substantially hollow cavity that runs along the longitudinal axis of the housing;

a handle means pivotally mounted to the housing for providing directional control of the housing;

a plurality of electrically operated debris agitator means rotatably attached to the housing to facilitate water movement through the housing and the removal of debris from the swimming pool surface;

Appl. No. 10/736,937

Amdt. Dated April 21, 2005

Reply to Office Action of Feb. 17, 2005

a scraping means attached to the bottom of the housing for scraping the swimming pool surface; and

a debris collection means detachably connected to the housing that filters debris from pool water and that allows filtered pool water to exit from the debris collection means.